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TO AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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SUBJECT: CODEL HAMILTON

REFS: TEL AVIV 5027; DAMASCUS 4370, 4368, 4366; AMMAN 3857,
3889, 3881; CAIRO 11660, 11736

1. CODEL APPRECIATES EXCELLENT COVERAGE PROVIDED BY REPORTING TELEGRAMS REFERENCED ABOVE. YOUR REPORTING WILL AID THE CODEL'S PREPARATION OF A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. SUGGEST THEREFORE THAT DAMASCUS REMOVE EXDIS CONTROL FROM DAMASCUS REFTELS EXCEPT FOR ANY PORTIONS THAT YOU BELIEVE TO HAVE SPECIAL SENSITIVITY. DEPARTMENT WILL REVIEW REPORT IN DRAFT FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES BEFORE REPORT IS PUBLISHED. CODEL CLEARS ALL REFTELS SUBJECT ONLY TO QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS BELOW.

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2. TEL AVIV. CODEL UNDERSTOOD YADIN TO SAY HE EXPECTED BEGIN TO ESTABLISH A COUPLE OF SETTLEMENTS IN NON POPULATED AREAS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (PARA 7 OF TEL AVIV 5027). THIS DIFFERENCE MAY BE WORTH FOLLOWUP QUERY BY EMBASSY.

3. DAMASCUS. CODEL FELT ASSAD STATEMENT ON TRADE
FOLLOWING END OF BELLIGERENCY (PARA 8 OF DAMASCUS 4370)

LEFT DOOR SLIGHTLY OPEN, THEREBY NOT FULLY JUSTIFYING
SUMMARY COMMENT THAT ASSAD "REJECTED IDEA THAT PEACE
INCLUDES...COMMERCE..." OR DAMASCUS 4366 COMMENT THAT
THERE WAS NO SUCCESS IN PROBING FOR FLEXIBILITY ON NATURE
OF PEACE. CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ANALYSIS OF
ASSAD STATEMENT THAT COMMERCE FOLLOWING END OF BELLIGERENCY
WOULD BE FOR SYRIAN CITIZENS TO DECIDE ON. CODEL ALSO FELT
CONSTRUCTIVE TONE OF ASSAD MEETING WAS WORTH NOTING.
CODEL FELT THAT PARA 3 OF 4370 OVERSTATED CODEL'S OPTIMISM.
IT WOULD BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY "DELEGATION SOMEWHAT
ENCOURAGED," AND TO DROP "ANY" AND "WHATEVER" FROM NEXT
CLAUSE. RE PARA 10 OF DAMASCUS 4368, CODEL BELIEVES
MORE COMPLETE VERSION WOULD BE TO REPLACE SHORT QUESTION
(LINE 7 OF PARA 10) WITH: OBEY ASKED IF HE COULD TELL
THOSE PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE WRONG--THAT SYRIA WILL ACCEPT
THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO LIVE SIDE BY SIDE WITH SYRIA, IF
ISRAEL WITHDRAWS AND RECOGNIZES THE RIGHTS OF THE
PALESTINIANS.

4. AMMAN. CODEL FELT TONE OF HUSSEIN MEETING A LITTLE
MORE POSITIVE THAN 3857 INDICATES.

5. CODEL EXPRESSED PROFOUND RESPECT FOR THE EXCEPTIONALLY
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HIGH QUALITY OF US AMBASSADORS AND PERSONNEL AT ALL POSTS
AND APPRECIATION FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS AND EXCELLENT PRO-
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